

BIO for Lenny Eliason, MPA

Lenny Eliason has been an Athens County Commissioner since August 1998. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and served as President in 2006. He served as a board member for the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSAs) from 2002 until 2008. Lenny is a member of the County Employee Benefit Consortium Board (CEBCO) and served as President from 2009 to 2014. He is serving on the Buckeye Hills Hocking Valley Regional Development Executive Committee as Vice President and is the chair of Appalachian Development Corporation. He is the President of the Athens County Economic Development Council.

He was President of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors from July 2011 until July 2012. Lenny has served as a board member of NACo since 2005. As president, he institutionalized his successful Healthy Counties presidential initiative to NACo committee status with creation of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is a public-private partnership to provide information, training, and assistance to counties.

Eliason served as the team coach for the Athens County Community Health Coalition and is serving his second term on the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Dispute Resolution.

He earned a Master's of Public Administration Degree from Ohio University in 2002. He is trained as a public sector dispute resolution mediator and also serves as a mediator for the Athens Area Mediation Service.

Lenny and his wife, Lisa, reside in the city of Athens. They have a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.